

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16 and 34 and amend claims 17, 20, 23 and 24 wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough and double brackets indicate deletions, as follows:

1-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A lid of claim 16 for a bowl of a food processor for processing a relatively large size or a large volume of foodstuff comprising:

a top lid wall;

a feed tube extending from the top lid wall along a feed axis, the feed tube including a continuous inner feed surface that defines a feed cavity, wherein the feed tube includes a slot having an open first end adjacent a mouth of the feed tube and a closed second end, the slot being at least partially exposed to the feed cavity between the first and second ends; and

a moveable gate positioned within the feed cavity, the moveable gate being pivotable about a hub on a swivel axis, the movable gate pivotable within the feed cavity between an open position and a compacting position, the swivel axis being generally parallel to the feed axis, the hub being removably positionable within the slot, the hub being secured to the moveable gate.

18. (Original) The lid of claim 17 wherein the moveable gate is pivotable within the feed cavity relative to the slot and the hub is pivotable within the slot.

19. (Original) The lid of claim 18 wherein the hub and moveable gate are biased toward the compacting position.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A lid of claim 16 for a bowl of a food processor for processing a relatively large size or a large volume of foodstuff comprising:

a top lid wall;

a feed tube extending from the top lid wall along a feed axis, the feed tube including a continuous inner feed surface that defines a feed cavity; and

a moveable gate positioned within the feed cavity, the moveable gate being pivotable about a hub on a swivel axis, the movable gate pivotable within the feed cavity between an open position and a compacting position, the swivel axis being generally parallel to the feed axis, wherein the moveable gate is biased toward the compacting position.

21. (Original) The lid of claim 20 further comprising:

a torsion spring that biases the movable gate toward the compacting position.

22. (Original) The lid of claim 21 wherein the torsion spring is secured at one end to the moveable gate and at a second end to the feed tube.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A lid of claim 16 further comprising: for a bowl of a food processor for processing a relatively large size or a large volume of foodstuff comprising:

a top lid wall;

a feed tube extending from the top lid wall along a feed axis, the feed tube including a continuous inner feed surface that defines a feed cavity;

a moveable gate positioned within the feed cavity, the moveable gate being pivotable about a hub on a swivel axis, the movable gate pivotable within the feed cavity between an open position and a compacting position, the swivel axis being generally parallel to the feed axis; and

a food pusher being slideable relative to the feed tube in first and second directions, the first direction being generally parallel to the feed axis and the second direction being generally perpendicular to the feed axis, the food pusher being generally cylindrically-shaped.

24. (Original) ~~[[The]]~~ A lid of claim 16 for a bowl of a food processor for processing a relatively large size or a large volume of foodstuff comprising:

a top lid wall;

a feed tube extending from the top lid wall along a feed axis, the feed tube including a continuous inner feed surface that defines a feed cavity; and

a moveable gate positioned within the feed cavity, the moveable gate being pivotable about a hub on a swivel axis, the movable gate pivotable within the feed cavity between an open position and a compacting position, the swivel axis being generally parallel to the feed axis, wherein a sub-feed cavity is defined by a compacting surface of the moveable gate and at least a portion of the inner feed surface of the feed tube.

25. (Original) The lid of claim 24 further comprising:

a food pusher removably positionable in the feed cavity, the food pusher substantially filling the sub-feed cavity when the movable gate is in the compacting position and the food pusher is in a storage position.

26-32. (Cancelled).

33. (Previously Presented) A lid for a bowl of a food processor for processing a relatively large size or a large volume of foodstuff comprising:

a top lid wall;

a feed tube extending from the top lid wall along a feed axis, the feed tube including a continuous inner feed surface that defines a feed cavity; and

a moveable gate positioned within the feed cavity, the moveable gate being pivotable about a hub on a swivel axis, the movable gate pivotable within the feed cavity between an open position and a compacting position, the swivel axis being generally parallel to the feed axis, the movable gate being positioned proximate the inner feed surface of the feed tube at a loading side of the feed cavity in the open position and being spaced from the inner feed surface at the loading side in the compacting position.

34. (Cancelled).